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AGENDA OF:	12-16-15	AGENDA REQUEST NO:	ш-в				
INITIATED BY:	MAYRA HERNANDEZ MH PLANNER I	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	PLANNING				
PRESENTED BY:	MAYRA HERNANDEZ PLANNER I	PRINCIPAL PLANNER:	N/A				
		CITY PLANNER:	DOUGLAS SCHOMBURG, AICP				
SUBJECT / PROCEEDING:	SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST FROM THE REAR YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENT IN THE RESTRICTED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1R) DISTRICT – 51 GREENLAW STREET COMMONWEALTH ESTATES SECTION ONE PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION						
EXHIBITS:	STAFF REPORT, VICINITY MAP, AERIAL MAP, SITE PLAN, ELEVATIONS, SITE PHOTOS, PLAT EXCERPT, APPLICATION, PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE						
	CLEARANCES		Approval				
LEGAL:	N/A	DIRECTOR OF	LISA KOCICH-MEYER, AICP				

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

PLANNING: Kein

Approval of the requested special exception to allow the proposed addition to be constructed in accordance with the attached site plan and elevations.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This request is for a special exception to a required 30-foot rear yard setback in the Restricted Single-Family Residential (R-1R) Zoning District for a proposed patio cover addition to an existing single-family residence located at 51 Greenlaw Street. The property was platted in 1990 in the *Commonwealth Estates, Section One* subdivision. When the property was annexed into the City of Sugar Land in 1997, R-1R zoning was applied to the subdivision, which requires a 30-foot rear yard setback for primary structures.

The deed restrictions state: No single-family residence shall be located on any interior lot nearer than fifteen (15') feet to the rear lot line, except where a garage is attached to the main structure of the residence in which case the rear wall of the living area shall not be nearer than fifteen (15') feet to the rear lot line, and the rear wall of the garage shall not encroach upon any easement. The recorded plat for Commonwealth Estates Section One established a 7' x 16' aerial easement as well as an 8-foot utility easement adjacent to the rear property line. Per Chapter 2, Article II, Section 2-72 of Sugar Land's Development Code, primary structures within the Restricted Single-Family Residential (R-1R) Zoning District are required to meet a rear yard setback of 30 feet. The proposed patio cover addition will connect the single-family residence to the detached garage. The

Development Code requires the detached garage, which is approximately set back 11 feet from the rear property line, to meet the 30 foot rear yard setback since it will be connected to the residence. Granting the special exception would relieve the 30-foot rear yard setback requirement for the primary structure, allowing the patio cover addition to be constructed as proposed.

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Wayne Franks, <u>wayne@outdoorhomescapes.com</u>

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#### **EXHIBITS**

### **STAFF REPORT**

Request for a special exception to the Restricted Single-Family Residential (R-1R) District rear yard setback standards for 51 Greenlaw Street, Commonwealth Estates Section One.

### **Analysis of Special Exception – Four Development Code Criteria:**

After the public hearing, the Board may, by concurrence of 75 percent of its members, grant a Special Exception to a residential setback required by Chapter 2 if the Board finds that:

### **Criterion One:**

The latest recorded plat of the property was approved prior to being annexed into the City;

Plat recorded: 1990 Annexed: 1997

### Criterion Two:

The latest recorded plat of the property establishes a setback or other recorded restriction that results in a setback that is less restrictive than the setback required by the City of Sugar Land Development Code (Chapter 2)

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The proposed patio cover addition will connect the single-family residence to the detached garage. The Development Code requires the detached garage, which is approximately set back 11 feet from the rear property line, to meet the 30 foot rear yard setback since it will be connected to the residence. Granting the special exception would relieve the 30-foot rear yard setback requirement for the primary structure, allowing the patio cover addition to be constructed as proposed.

#### Criterion Three:

Granting the Special Exception will not establish a setback that is less restrictive than the setback established by the latest approved plat or other recorded restriction; and

The recorded plat for Commonwealth Estates Section One established a 7' x 16' aerial easement as well as an 8-foot utility easement adjacent to the rear property line. The special exception will not grant a setback that is less restrictive than those established on the plat or in the recorded restrictions.

### Criterion Four:

Granting the Special Exception will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in the district or neighborhood in which the property is located.

Staff has examined the proposed special exception for key aspects:

- Public Safety Review: There do not appear to be any public safety issues associated with this request. Staff has not identified safety concerns as a result of the patio cover.
- Proposal and the Neighborhood Rear Yard Setback Comparison: The proposed addition
  appears to be generally compatible with the neighborhood based on an analysis of the
  surrounding area. Approximately seven homes within the immediate area do not meet the rear
  yard setback requirement of 30 feet and there has been one approved special exceptions for patio
  cover additions. The patio cover addition is in compliance with the deed restrictions and
  recorded plat.
- Proposal and the Neighborhood General Architectural: The addition appears to be architecturally compatible with the existing single-family residence and neighborhood.

### Conditions:

To ensure that the granting of a Special Exception will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in the district or neighborhood in which the property is located, the Board may, as part of its decision to grant a Special Exception:

- Impose reasonable conditions or restriction; and
- Grant a setback between the setback requested and the setback currently established in the residential zoning district.

### **Public Hearing Notice**

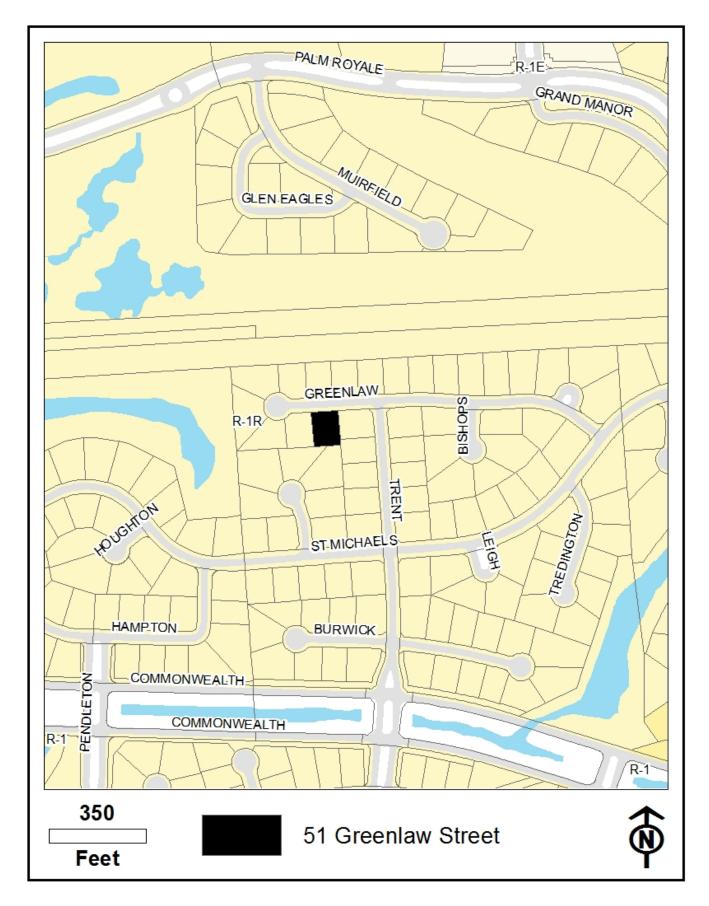
The Notice of Public Hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation and on the City of Sugar Land's Internet Home Page. All property owners within 200-feet of the proposed site were notified and a courtesy sign was placed on site. At the time of writing this report, Staff has received three informational inquiries. Staff is not aware of any opposition to the special exception.

### **Staff Recommendation**

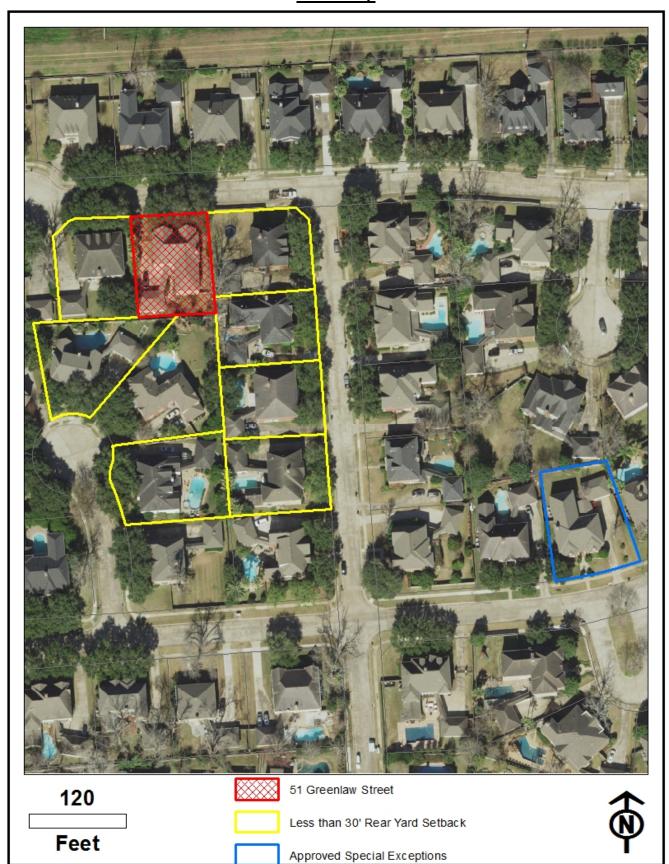
Staff recommends that the special exception be approved subject to the following conditions:

- Patio cover addition is constructed in accordance with the attached site plan
- Patio cover addition is constructed in accordance with the attached elevations

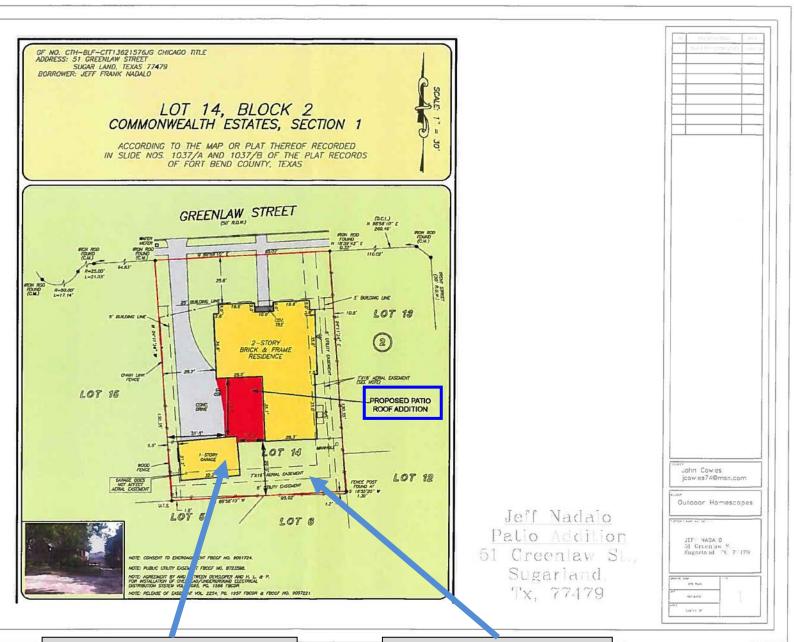
### Vicinity Map



### **Aerial Map**



### Survey



Detached Garage not encroaching into aerial easement per survey. 7' x 16' aerial easement & 8-foot utility easement

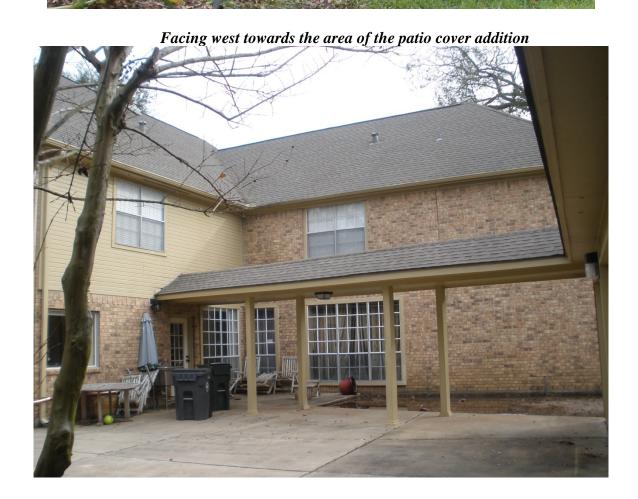
### **Elevations**



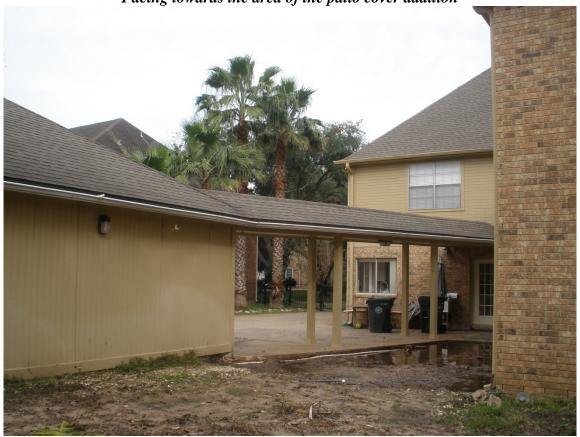
## **Site Photographs**



more information call (281) 275-2218,



Site Photographs
Facing towards the area of the patio cover addition



Facing north towards the area of the patio cover addition



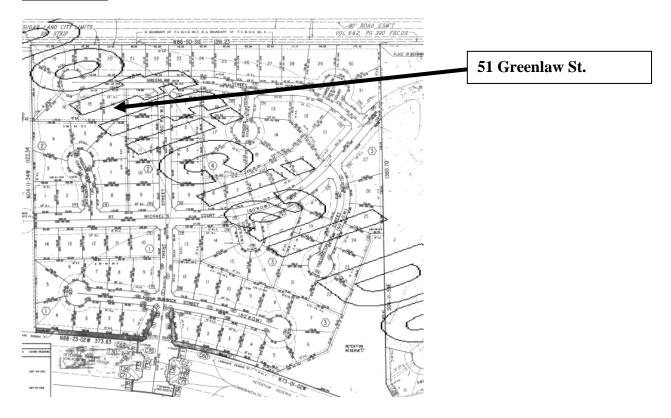
# **Site Photographs**

Facing south away from the area of the patio cover addition





### **Plat Excerpt**



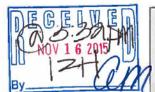
**ADDRESS: 51 GREENLAW STREET** 

### PROPERTY IS PLATTED AS:

LOT 14 BLOCK 2, COMMONWEALTH ESTATES SECTION ONE RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT NUMBER 11725340, AND SLIDE NUMBER 01037A F.B.C.P.R. (RECORDED IN 1990)



# SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST APPLICATION



FOR OFFICE USE
(Rev. 1/1/15)
Accounting Code: ZC
2015 Fee: \$585

Fee Required 18 Case No. 15-0000

Return Your Suhmittal To Development Planning (Attn: Development Review Coordinator)
Sugar Land City Hall, 2700 Town Center Blvd. North, Sugar Land, Tx 77479, Phone#: (281) 275-2218

Please contact development planning staff to discuss your proposal prior to submitting a special exception application.

Special Exception Submittal Requirements:

Applications submitted without the following items will not be routed for review

- One (1) Completed Application
- Submittal Fcc
- One (1) Copy of the recorded plat of the property
- · One (1) Copy of the recorded covenants and restrictions for the property
- One (1) legible copy of site plan / plot plan (sealed/dimensioned drawing showing location of proposed eonstruction) on 24" x 36", 11"x17", or 8 ½" x 11"
- Building elevations for proposed construction

*ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLE					
SITE ADDRESS 51 Greenla	ıw Street, Suç	gar Land, TX	77479		
Legal Description	Commonwealth Estates - Section 1			2	14
-			Subdivision Name	Block	Lot
CONTACT INFORMATION	☐ Architect	☐ Engineer	Other: Contract	ctor	
Project Representative:	L Atenitect	La Eligineer	A Other	J.C.	
Contact Person Wayne Fra	nks				
Company Outdoor Homes	capes of Hou	ıston			
Address 12802 Highland I	Hills Drive, Cy	press, TX 77	7429		200 100 100
Phone 713-569-1341	Em	ail wayne @	outdoorhomescap	es.com	
This is to certify that the information authorized to make this applicate the Planning Department has not X  Property Owner (Please Note-Name Jeff Frank Nadalo	ion. I understand of received a revise Project Repro	that this applicated submittal.	ion will expire oue year fi ///16/(5		
Address 51 Greenlaw Stre	et, Sugar Lar	nd, TX 77479	)		
Phone 979-308-7872	Em	ail jeff@buc	-ees.com		
Property Owner's Authorization I am the owner of the property for Wayne Franks to correspond with the City of State X	or which this Speci	(Pr	oject Representative) to son on my behalf.		cation and
Property Owner's Signate Please note: a courtesy notification sign		bject property during	the public hearing process and	will be removed after	Date er the public

For submittal deadlines and the Special Exception schedule, please see the Development Application Handbook on the Planning Department Page at <a href="https://www.sugarlandtx.g">www.sugarlandtx.g</a>

### **Public Hearing Notice**



**Zoning Board of Adjustment Public Hearing 5:00 p.m., December 16, 2015,** City of Sugar Land City Council Chamber, 2700 Town Center Boulevard North to hear all persons interested in the proposed Special Exception to the Rear Yard Setback for 51 Greenlaw Street, Lot 14, Block 2, Commonwealth Estates Section One, in the Restricted Single-Family Residential (R-1R) District.

City of Sugar Land City Council Chamber, 2700 Town Center Boulevard North. Details of the proposed Special Exception may be obtained by contacting City of Sugar Land Development Planning Office by email <a href="mailto:planning@sugarlandtx.gov">planning@sugarlandtx.gov</a> or phone (281) 275-2218. The agenda item for this meeting will be placed on the City website at <a href="https://www.sugarlandtx.gov">www.sugarlandtx.gov</a> under "Meeting Agendas, Minutes, and Videos" Zoning Board of Adjustment no later than Friday, December 11, 2015.